FISCAL NOTE

HJR 1077

April 16, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Urges local education agencies (LEAs) to provide fiscally sound alternative educational activities to students who object to performing dissections in biology or other science classes on the basis of moral, religious, ethical, or cultural beliefs.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact: Any expenditure is permissive and is dependent upon whether LEAs implement this policy and the number of objecting students. Local education agencies that choose to implement alternatives to dissection will enact the lowest cost alternative with regard to students' knowledge in this area. It is estimated that LEAs may incur expenditures exceeding \$100,000.

Assumptions:

- Local education agencies will enact the best alternative that is financially feasible. LEAs will purchase enough supplies so that multiple students can use the materials at once and will not purchase materials on a case by case basis. Use of these materials and supplies may be available for recurring use depending upon the type of alternative system used or purchased.
- No impact on BEP formula.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director